| *Draft Agenda (by Asamoah Larbi)*  **Africa RISING West Africa – Review Team Visit: Ghana**  **25 September to 6 October, 2015** | | |
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| **Notes:**   1. **Program purpose**: This third version of the tentative program is designed to allow the Evaluation Team (ET) to visit intervention communities where the Africa RISING (AR) project is being implemented to meet and interact with multi-stakeholder and multi-institutional partners in each region. It will also allow the ET to see AR research-for-development (R4D) sites and activities. 2. **Partners:** The activities are implemented with community and district level research-for-development partners. Depending on the community, representative of the following partners may be present during the visits: community-based farmer groups, women’s group, researchers from national and international institutions, decision makers, community leaders, input dealers, Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA), Ghana Health Services, non-governmental organizations, universities and graduate students. 3. **Field trip activities**: 3.1) Meet and interact with representatives of partners listed above; 3.2) Visit ‘Community technology parks’ (CTPs) which are led by a team of researchers and managed with community-based group of farmers; and farmer-managed ‘Baby’ and ‘Scaling-out’ trials. The CTPs consist of a number of experiments (trials). Each trial consists of a number of different treatments (technologies). The CTPs are used to test/adapt new technologies, to give hands-on training in good agricultural practices to farmers and graduate students, and to demonstrate/disseminate new technologies e.g. improved variety. The trials include: cereal (maize, sorghum, millet), legume (cowpea, soybean, groundnut and pigeon pea) and vegetable (Okra, Eggplant, Roselle) varietal adaptation, cereal-legume rotations, cereal-legume strip cropping, cereal-vegetable intercropping, integrated soil fertility management, integrated pest management, integrated crop-livestock production and integrated soil-water management. The ‘baby’ trials consist of small plots (10x10 m) of an improved technology/practice from the TCPs and a farmer practice (control). They are used by farmers to compare the performance of a new technology with their current practices. The ‘scaling-out’ trials consist of large plots (at least 25 x 25 m) of a proven technology/practice. They are used to disseminate proven technologies under farmers’ condition. In addition to the crop related activities, livestock related activities may be visited in some communities.   **Roles**: The ET will lead the execution of the program with AR [(Abdul Rahman Nurudeen (ARN), NR; Desire Dickson (DD) and ARN, UER; Hamid Seidu, ARN and DD (UWR)] leading the way to the communities and giving explanations when need be. They are Research Assistants employed by the project. | | |
| **Time** | **Action** | **Responsibility** |
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| **Thursday, 24 September** | |  |
|  | ET arrives in Accra and check-into Alisa or Mensvic Hotel | ET |
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| **Friday, 25 September** | |  |
|  | ET holds inception meeting and meets with USAID Mission | ET |
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| **Saturday, 26 September** | |  |
|  | ET holds inception meeting |  |
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| **Sunday, 27 September** | |  |
| 10:00 | Check-out of hotel | ET |
| 10:00-11:00 | ET travels from hotel to Kotoka international airport | ET |
| 12:00-13:00 | ET travels Accra-Tamale | ET |
| 13:00-14:00 | ET checks into Marian hotel, Tamale | ET |
| 14:00-15:00 | Lunch | ET/AR |
| 15:00-16:00 | Overview of Africa RISING West Africa/Ghana and discussions; IITA Office | AR (Asamoah) |
| 16:00-17:00 | Overview of Africa RISING West Africa/Ghana and discussions; IITA Office |  |
| 19:00 | Dinner | ET/Asamoah Larbi |
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| **Monday, 28 September** | |  |
| 08:30-09:30 | Courtesy call Director of Savanna Agricultural Research Institute: Nyankpala | ET/AR |
| 10:00-13:00 | Field trip – Cheyohi No. 2 Community, Tolon District, Northern Region | ET/AR |
| 13:30-14:30 | Lunch | ET |
| 15:00-18:00 | Field trip – Duko Community, Salvelugu District, Northern Region | ET/AR |
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| **Tuesday, 29 September** | |  |
| 08:00-12:00 | Field trip - Tibali Community, Salvelugu District, Northern Region | ET/AR |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00-18:00 | Travel from Tamale to Bolgatanga, Upper East Region (UER) | ET/AR |
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| **Wednesday, 30 September** | |  |
| 08:30-13:00 | Field trip - Bonia community, Kassena Nankana District (UER) | ET/AR |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00-17:00 | Field trip - Gia community, Kassena Nankana District (UER) | ET/AR |
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| **Thursday, 01 October** | |  |
| 08:00-13:00 | Travel Bolgatanga (UER) to Wa, Upper West Region (UWR), Blue Top hotel | ET/AR |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch |  |
| 13:30-18:00 | Field trip - Zanko/Guo communities, Wa West district, UWR | ET/AR |
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| **Friday, 02 October** | |  |
| 08:00-12:00 | Field trip - Goli community, Nadowli District, UWR | ET/AR |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch |  |
| 14:00-18:00 | Visit Technology Parks in Goriyili and Papu, Nadowli District, UWR, without community interaction | ET/AR |
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| **Saturday, 03 October** | |  |
| morning | Travel from Wa (UWR) to Tamale (NR) |  |
| afternoon | ET meeting and Report writing | ET |
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| **Sunday, 04 October** | |  |
| until 11:00 | ET meeting and Report writing | ET |
| 11:00-11:30 | Transfer to Tamale airport | ET |
| 12:00-13:00 | Travel from Tamale to Accra and check into Alisa or Mensvic Hotel | ET |
| afternoon | ET meeting and Report writing | ET |
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| **Monday, 05 October** | |  |
| 10:00-12:00 | Courtesy call on Director General of CSIR, Accra | ET |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch | ET |
| 15:00-16:00 | Briefing at USAID Mission | ET/AR |
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| **Tuesday, 06 October** | |  |
| 09:00 | Check out of hotel and transfer to airport | ET |
| 11:00-16:00 | Depart from Accra to Bamako, Mali via Lome, Togo | ET |